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Communicable Diseases/Epidemiology Influenza Weekly Report Arkansas 2014-2015

Week Ending Saturday 11/29/2014

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During flu season the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) produces this Weekly Influenza Report for clinicians. The report provides information on flu activity in the state. The report also compares influenza-like illness (ILI) in Arkansas to activity in the US. ADH receives detailed reports of only a small fraction of flu cases. Therefore, it is important to understand that the information in the weekly update is representative of the timing and location of activity, but it does not reflect the overall burden of disease. It is presumed that there are many more people actually affected than the report shows.

Report Summary:

- Since September 28, 2014 (week 40), over 550 positive influenza antigen tests have been reported to Arkansas Department of Health by healthcare providers. Reports for week 48 were received from the following counties: Arkansas, Benton, Boone, Bradley, Carroll, Craighead, Crawford, Cross, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Greene, Hot Spring, Independence, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Little River, Lonoke, Madison, Mississippi, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Sebastian, Sevier, St. Francis, Union, Washington, and White Counties.
- Among flu antigen tests that can distinguish between A and B strains, 71% were A, and 29% were B.
- Two reported samples were confirmed Positive last week for influenza by PCR testing; one A+ and one A H3+.
- About 7.3% of patients visiting emergency rooms last week were there for ILI.
- Arkansas reported “Local” influenza activity to CDC for week 48.
- Nationwide, the geographic spread of influenza in two states was reported as widespread; Puerto Rico and nine states was reported as regional; 20 states reported local activity; the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and 17 states reported sporadic activity; two states reported no influenza activity; and Guam did not report.
- You can view the weekly influenza report during the influenza season at:
<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/infectiousDisease/Immunizations/SeasonalFlu/Pages/FluReport.aspx>

For Additional National and International Influenza Surveillance Information:

Google Flu Trends: Google Flu Trends uses aggregated Google search data in a model created in collaboration with CDC to estimate influenza activity in the United States. For more information and activity estimates from the U.S. and worldwide, <http://www.google.org/flutrends/us/#US>.

World Health Organization FluNet: Additional influenza surveillance information from participating WHO member nations is available at http://www.who.int/influenza/gisrs_laboratory/flunet/en/index.html.

CDC - Seasonal Influenza (Flu) - WeeklyReport: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/> and flu activity surveillance: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

Flu near you: <https://flunearyou.org/>. Please sign up and forward to your staff!

2014-2015 Influenza CD/Epi Weekly Report (Week 48: 11/23/14 - 11/29/14)

Death Report for Week 48

- Deaths from all causes: 384
- Deaths due to Pneumonia: 12
- PCR confirmed Flu Deaths: 0
- Death Certificate or Flu Antigen only: 0

Cumulative Flu Deaths since 9/28/2014

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- Death Certificate or Flu Antigen only: 0
- Cumulative Flu deaths: 0

ER Visits*

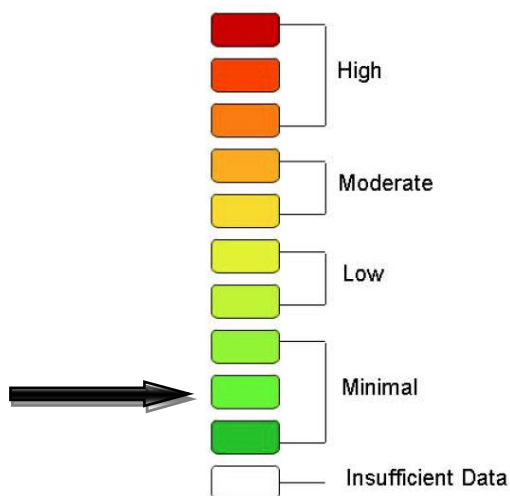
- Week Ending: 11/29/2014**
Weighted Average: 7.3% (36 Hospitals)
– Total Visits: 12,531
– Visits with ILI: 909
- Previous Week**
Weighted Average: 6.1% (38 Hospitals)
– Total Visits: 14,765
– Visits with ILI: 899

*% is the number of ILI visits*100/Total Visits

Total Flu-Related Hospital Admissions

- PCR Confirmed:**
– Cumulative: 3
– Week ending 11/29/2014: 1
- ILI or Antigen Tested (Provisional):**
– Cumulative: 41
– Week ending 11/29/2014: 9

Weekly Arkansas ILI Intensity Level Reported by Sentinel Providers



PCR Lab Confirmed Influenza

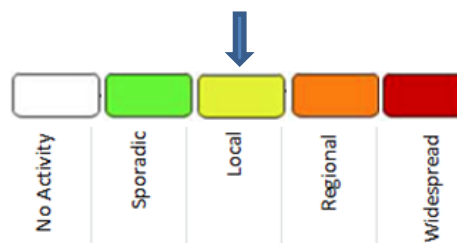
- Total Cases in September 2014: 8
- Total Cases since 09/28/2014: 32
- Week Ending 11/29/2014: 2

PCR Tests	ADH Lab Week48	Other Labs Week48	Cumulative Cases Since 9/28/2014
A+	0	1	3
B+	0	0	1
B/Victoria	0	0	5
B/ Yamagata	0	0	0
H1N1+	0	0	0
H3+	0	1	23
Unsubtypable	0	0	0
Total	0	2	32
Negative	0	--	

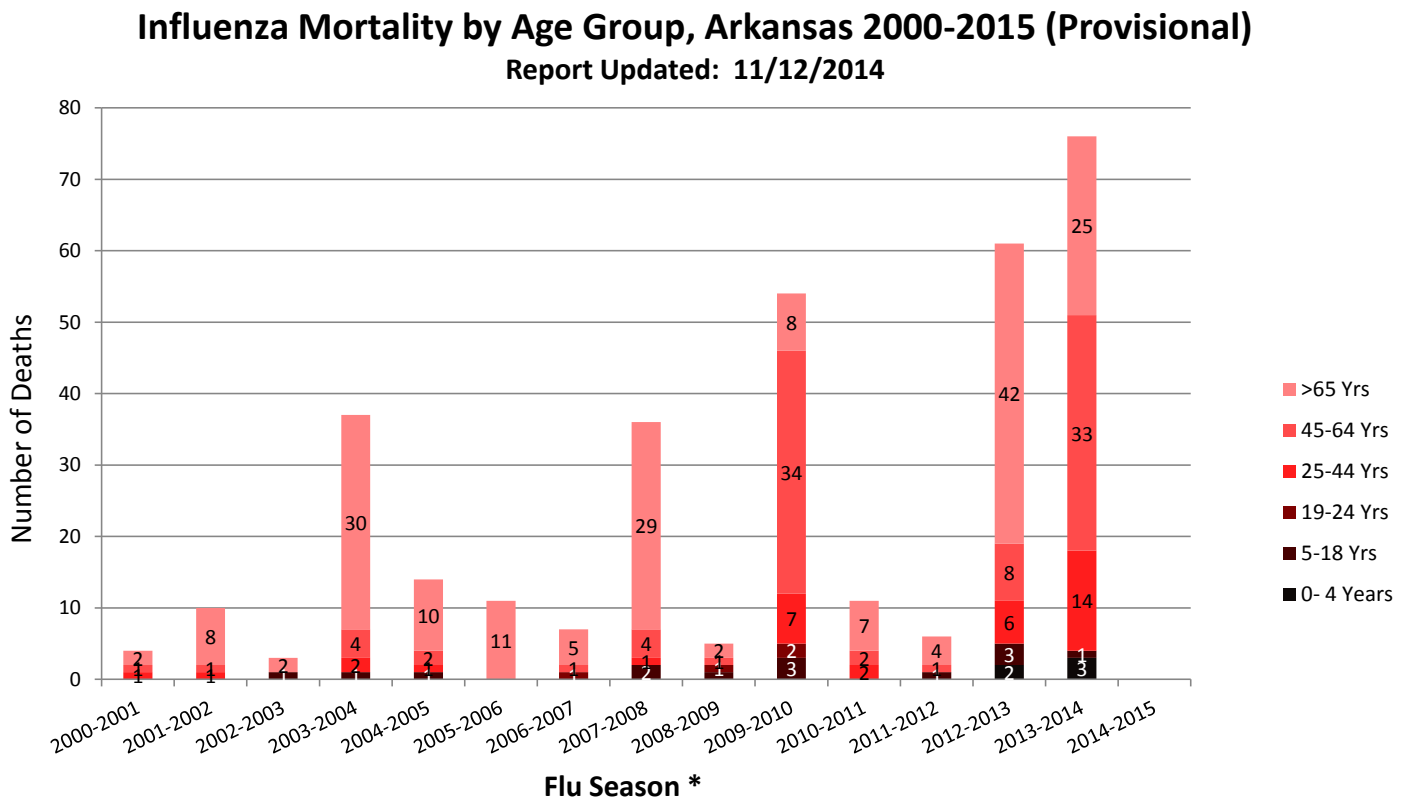
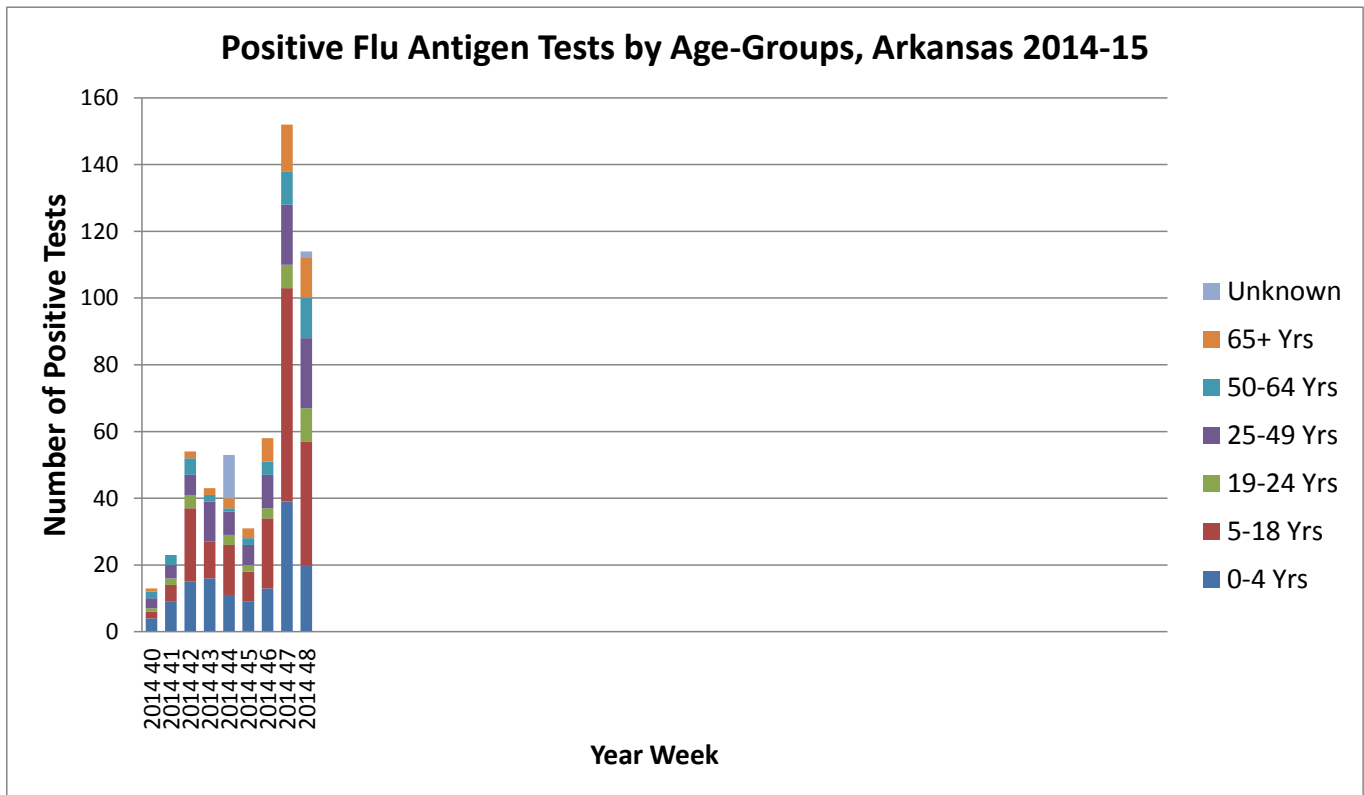
PCR Confirmed Influenza Cases since 09/28/2014

Age Groups	PCR+	Hospitalized	Deaths
0-4 yr	5	0	0
5-18 yr	15	2	0
19-24 yr	2	0	0
25-49 yr	3	0	0
50-64 yr	3	0	0
>= 65 yr	4	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0
Total	32	3	0

Geographic ILI Activity Level Reported for Week 48:

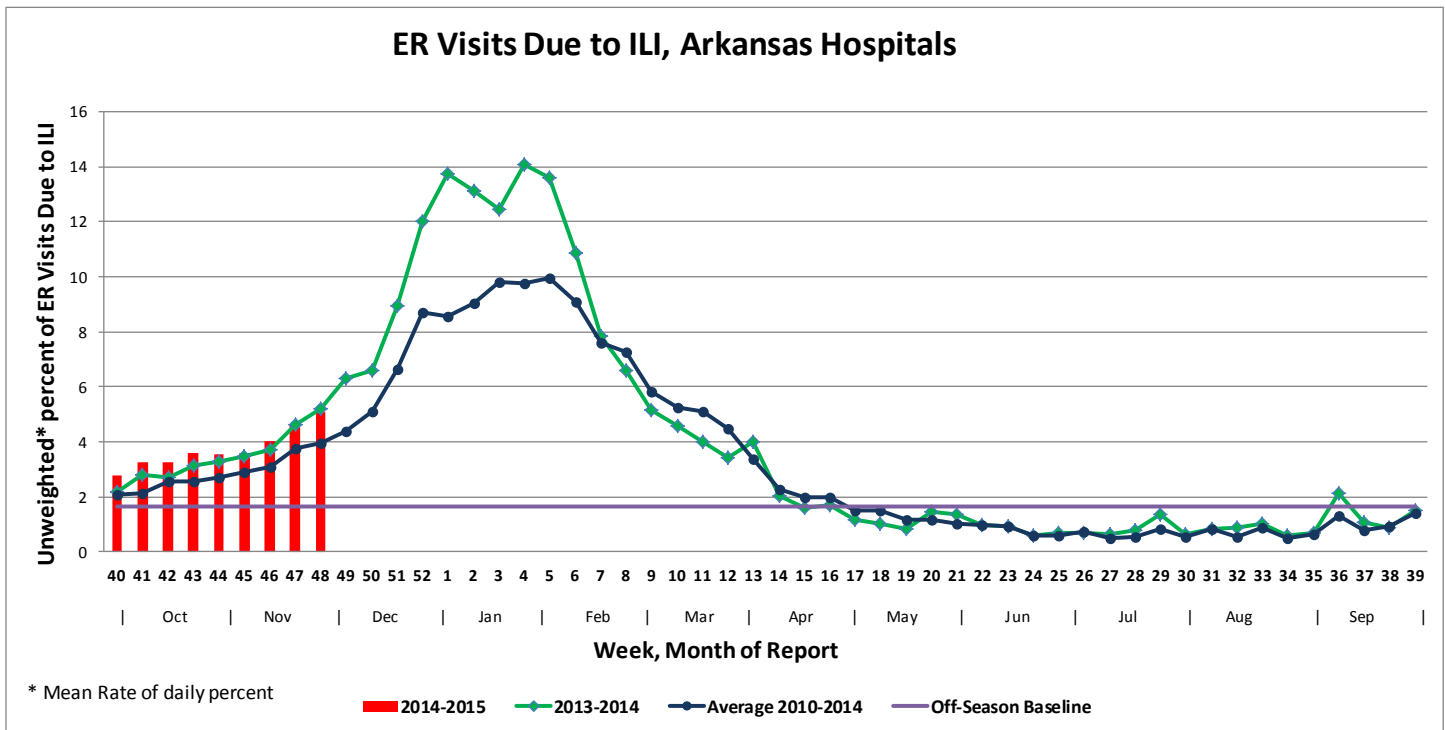


Antigen Report:

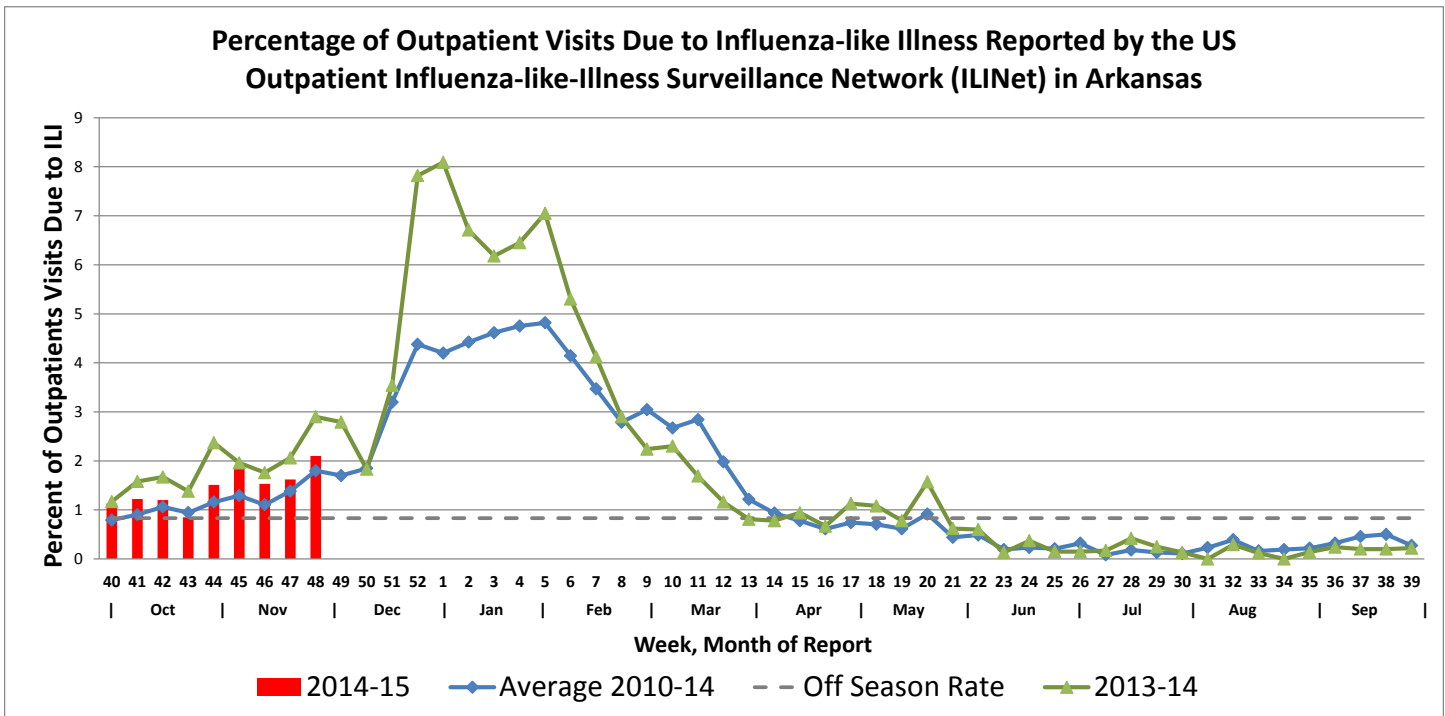


* All seasons range from week 40 to week 39 except 2009-2010 started week 36
Source: ADH Immunization Section, Center for Health Statistics

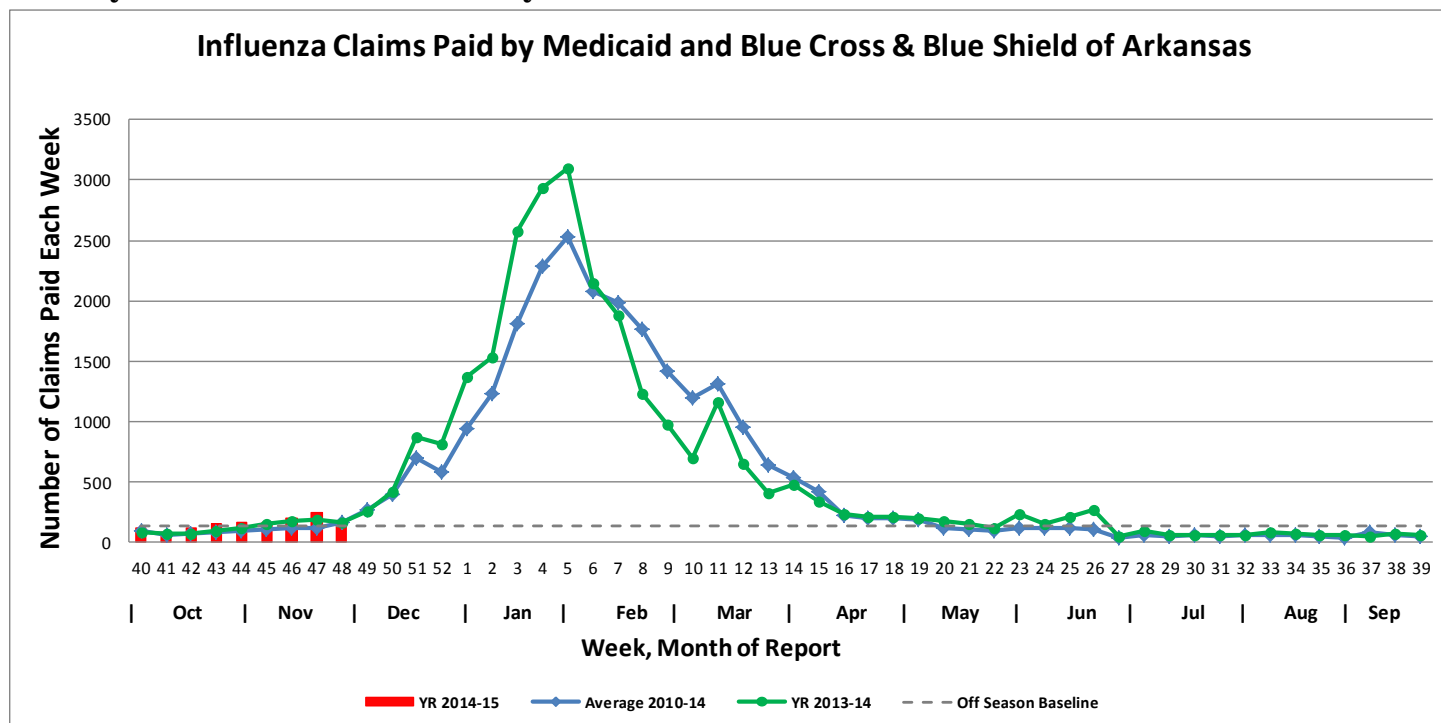
Hospital Report – ER Visits With Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI)



US Outpatients Influenza Surveillance (ILINET)

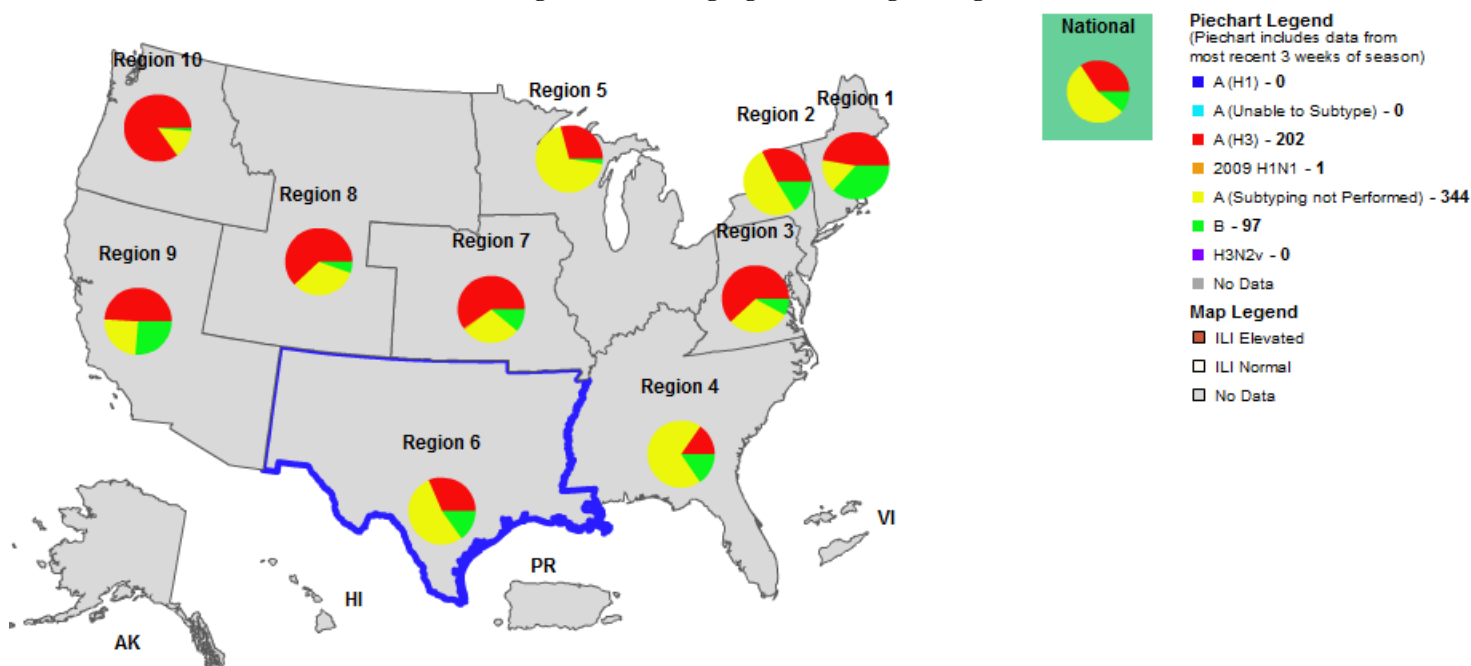


Weekly Influenza Claims Paid by Medicaid and BCBS

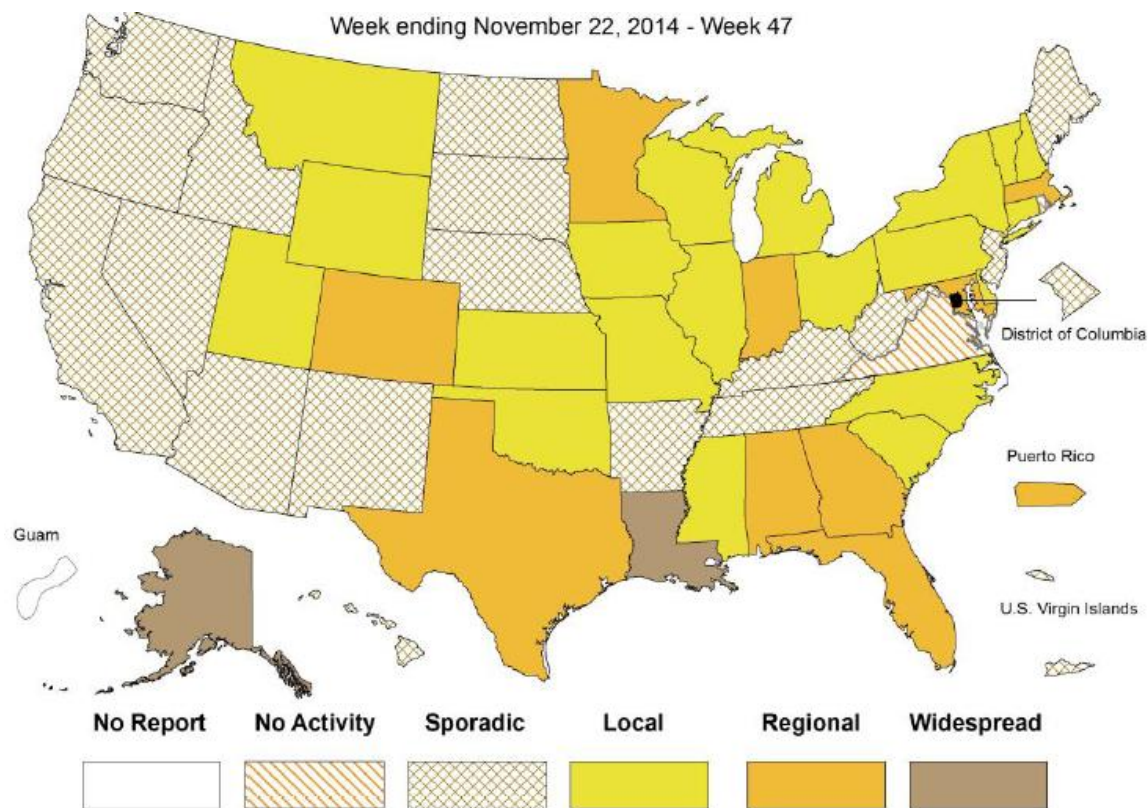


Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC and ILI Activity, by HHS Region, 2014-2015 Season, Week Ending Nov 21, 2014

Values in legend is for the highlighted HHS region (Region 6)



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists



Arkansas Flu Activity Level Reported for Week: 48: Local

Influenza Positive Tests Reported to CDC by U.S. WHO/NREVSS Collaborating Laboratories, National Summary, 2014-15

